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1. SOVIETS INFORMED US THAT BELGIAN AMB HAD CALLED ON
AMB ROSHCIN MARCH 12 TO REGISTER BELGIAN INTEREST IN
PARTICIPATING IN NFZ STUDY GROUP. (BELGIANS HAD MADE
SIMILAR APPROACH TO US ON PREVIOUS DAY: REFTEL.)
SOVIETS TOLD US THAT THEY FOUND BELGIAN APPLICATION
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EMBARRASSING AND REMINISCENT OF AUSTRALIAN APPLICATION

TO ENTER CCD LAST YEAR. NAZARKIN (SOVDEP) FIRST SAID THAT IF BELGIANS PRESSED THEIR CANDIDACY SOVIETS WOULD REVERT TO EARLIER POSITION AND BE WILLING TO AGREE ONLY TO THE ADMISSION OF ONE CCD NON-MEMBER, FINLAND, TO STUDY GROUP. NAZARKIN ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT SOVS HAD NO OBJECTION TO BELGIANS PER SE AND THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO HAVE BELGIUM PARTICIPATE IF THIS WERE IN PLACE OF US ALLY FROM CCD, SUCH AS THE NETHERLANDS. SOV AMB ROSHCIN TOOK SIMILAR LINE IN CONVERSATION WITH AMB MARTIN PRIOR TO MARCH 13 PLENARY. AMB MARTIN POINTED OUT THAT BELGIAN CANDIDACY WAS NEW DEVELOPMENT WHICH WE WERE STILL CONSIDERING WITH OUR OTHER ALLIES. HE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT US COULD NOT ACCEPT HAVING NON-CCD MEMBERSHIP LIMITED ONLY TO FINLAND BECAUSE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, THIS WOULD LEAD TO SEVERE REPERCUSSIONS AT THE UNGA THIS FALL.

2. AT BRIEF MEETING OF WESTERN GROUP FOLLOWING MARCH 13 PLENARY, ALL OUR ALLIES SIMILARLY REACTED STRONGLY AGAINST SOV IDEA OF POSSIBLY LIMITING NON-CCD MEMBERS TO ONLY FINLAND. EUROPEAN MEMBERS OF THE WESTERN GROUP EXPRESSED STRONG SUPPORT FOR BELGIAN CANDIDACY. (NONE OF THESE OFFERED TO STEP DOWN TO MAKE PLACE FOR BELGIUM.) THEY ARGUED THAT GA RES HAD ENTAILED CALL UPON "INTERESTED GOVTS" AND THAT IF OPPORTUNITIES WERE TO BE GIVEN TO ALL INTERESTED CCD MEMBERS TO PARTICIPATE (AS ALLIES WOULD AGREE) IT WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE TO RESIST APPLICATIONS FROM OTHER INTERESTED COUNTRIES, ALL THE MORE SO IN THE CASE OF CLOSE ALLIES LIKE BELGIUM. GROUP AGREED THEREFORE THAT AT INFORMAL CCD MEETING ON MARCH 14, THEY WOULD EXPRESS STRONG SUPPORT FOR EXTENDING INVITATIONS TO AUSTRALIA, BELGIUM, FINLAND, ECUADOR, AND GHANA, AS WELL AS AGREEING TO ALLOW PARTICIPATION OF ANY CCD MEMBER EXPRESSING A DESIRE TO JOIN GROUP. IT WAS UNDERSTOOD THAT SOVS WOULD RESIST THIS APPROACH BUT ALLIES HOPED THAT STRENGTH OF THEIR FEELINGS ON THIS POINT MIGHT CAUSE SOVS TO SEEK NEW INSTRUCTIONS FROM MOSCOW.

3. FOLLOWING THIS WESTERN GROUP MEETING, AMB MARTIN DISCUSSED PARTICIPATION PROBLEM AGAIN WITH MEXICAN
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AMB GARCIA ROBLES. ROBLES STATED THAT HE INTENDED TO ARGUE AT MARCH 14 INFORMAL MEETING IN FAVOR OF LIMITING PARTICIPATION OF CCD MEMBERS. HE DISMISSED BELGIAN CANDIDACY, ARGUING THAT BELGIANS HAD PREVIOUSLY SHOWN VERY LITTLE INTEREST IN ARMS CONTROL QUESTIONS AND THAT TO ADMIT THEM WOULD AMOUNT TO THROWING OPEN DOORS TO ANY NUMBER OF OUTSIDE COUNTRIES THEREBY MAKING GROUP IMPOSSIBLY LARGE. AMB MARTIN EXPLAINED AGAIN TO MEXICANS PROBLEMS WE HAD FACED

WITH THE SOVS IN TRYING TO REACH SMALL SLATE OF CANDIDATES. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT US COULD NOT ACCEPT IDEA OF BALANCING AUSTRALIA WITH ADDITIONAL WARSAW PACT CCD MEMBER. ROBLES SAID HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND US POSITION ON THIS LATTER POINT WHICH HE SAID HE FOUND ILLOGICAL. GARCIA OBSERVED THAT IF ALL CCD MEMBERS WERE TO BE ALLOWED TO JOIN ALONG WITH AUSTRALIA, FINLAND, ECUADOR AND GHANA, AS US WAS APPARENTLY WILLING TO ACCEPT, THE EFFECT WOULD BE THE SAME, I.E., AUSTRALIA WOULD BE BALANCED BY THE ADDITIONAL ACTIVE MEMBER THAT WARSAW PACT HAS IN CCD.

4. ROBLES ALSO STATED THAT HE SAW NO REASON WHY EAST AND WEST COULD NOT AGREE ON A SLATE OF, SAY, FIVE OR EVEN SIX COUNTRIES EACH, WITH AUSTRALIA BEING BALANCED BY ONE OF THE WARSAW PACT CCD MEMBERS. HE INDICATED NUMBER OF NON-ALIGNED COULD STILL BE KEPT LOW. GARCIA ROBLES ADDED THAT HE THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY THAT CONSENSUS COULD BE REACHED ON THIS DIFFICULT PARTICIPATION QUESTION AT MARCH 14 INFORMAL CCD MEETING. MARTIN SAID THAT IN THAT EVENT HE INTENDED TO CALL FOR ANOTHER SESSION ON MONDAY, MARCH 17. DALE

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